COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended September 30, 2008

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System (a component unit of Schoolcraft County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Transit's basic financial statements as described in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Transit's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan, as of September 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System, as of September 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2008, on our consideration of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, con-

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tracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and important in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages three through five are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Supplementary Information and the Financial Assistance - Federal and State, as listed on the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Anderson, Tackman . Company P.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants

December 4, 2008

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Transit's financial performance during the year ended September 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Transit's financial statements.

The following table summarizes the net assets as of September 30, 2008 and 2007:

	2008	2007
Assets:		
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 86,301	\$ 142,313
Federal operating assistance receivable	18,400	6,467
State grants receivable	67,941	68,471
Capital grants receivable	9,060	-
Accounts & taxes receivable	35,580	15,465
Interest receivable	247	463
Prepaid expenses	5,262	5,112
Total Current Assets	222,791	238,291
Property and equipment, net of accumlated		
depreciation	 625,975	 485,087
Total Assets	\$ 848,766	\$ 723,378
Liablilites:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 12,274	\$ 6,523
Accrued payroll and fringes	 18,048	13,603
Total Current Liabilities	30,322	20,126
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Accrued fringe benefits	 28,911	 30,788
Total Liabilities	\$ 59,233	\$ 50,914
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 625,975	\$ 485,087
Unrestricted	 163,558	187,377
Total Net Assets	\$ 789,533	\$ 672,464

The Transit provides transportation services to Schoolcraft County. During the year we provided service to 31,458 passengers. This reflected a 2.2% increase over fiscal year 2007's ridership totals.

The following table provides comparative revenue and expense information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:

	2008	2007
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 126,385 (648,181)	\$ 110,628 (612,479)
Operating Loss	(521,796)	(501,851)
Nonoperating revenues	638,865	 449,882
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	117,069	(51,969)
Net Assets, beginning of year	672,464	724,433
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 789,533	\$ 672,464

The Transit had a \$140,888 increase in net property and equipment during the 2008 fiscal year. This was due to the addition of three buses, a new telephone system and the parking lot was paved. All of these purchases were financed with state and federal capital grant revenue. There were two old buses sold during the fiscal year.

The operating expenses increased during fiscal year 2008 by \$35,702. This was due primarily to an increase in fuel costs due to the sharp rise in fuel prices and an increase in depreciation expense due to the new asset additions. The depreciation expense increase is of no real effect to the Transit operations, as most of the depreciation expense is related to state and federal contributed capital.

The operating revenues increased \$15,757 when compared to 2007's operating revenues. This was a due primarily to increased rates with respect to the contract with Hiawatha Behavioral Health Services. Nonoperating revenues increased \$179,923 when compared to 2007's nonoperating revenues, due primarily to receiving state and federal funding for the purchase of the fixed asset additions.

When taken all together there was an increase in net assets of \$108,009 for the fiscal year 2008. Again, this is due primarily to receiving state and federal capital grants for fixed asset purchases during the year. We will continue to monitor state and federal operating assistance and capital grants to determine appropriate expense levels. We are insulated from cuts to a certain degree due to the operating tax millage that helps support the Transit operations. For the 2008 fiscal year the property tax collected for Transit use was \$147,493.

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and citizens with a general overview of the Transit's finances and to demonstrate the Transit's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Transit office directly at P.O. Box 182, Manistique, Michigan, 49854.

# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

September 30, 2008

# **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and equivalents State and Federal grants receivable Accounts receivable Interest receivable Prepaid expenses	\$ 86,301 95,401 35,580 247 
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	222,791
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated depreciation of \$340,857	625,975 \$848,766
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued payroll and fringes  TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 12,274 18,048 30,322
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: Accrued fringe benefits: Vacation leave Sick leave Personal leave  TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	8,323 19,611 
<pre>NET ASSETS:    Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:     State and federal    Local    Net assets, unrestricted</pre>	578,022 47,953 163,558
TOTAL NET ASSETS	789,533
	<u>\$848,766</u>

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended September 30, 2008

Operating revenues		\$126,385
Operating expenses		<u>(648,181</u> )
	OPERATING LOSS	(521,796)
Nonoperating revenues		638,865
	INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	117,069
Net assets, beginning of year		672,464
	NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$789,533

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended September 30, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from customers	\$106,270
Cash payments to employees for services	(447,645)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(132,023)
	<u> </u>
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(473,398</u> )
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Fixed asset additions	(201,232)
Capital grants received	192,172
Gain on sale of fixed assets	900
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL	4
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(8,160</u> )
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating grants received	275,256
Tax levy received	147,493
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NON- CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	422 740
CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	422,749
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest received on investments	2,797
NEW DECEDENCE IN CACH AND EQUITOR ENTER	/EC 010)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(56,012)
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	142,313
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 86,301</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET	
CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating loss	(\$521,796)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	60,344
Changes in assets and liabilities:	(20 115)
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(20,115) (150)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses Increase (decrease) in payables	5,751
Increase (decrease) in accruals	2,568
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	( <u>\$473,398</u> )

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2008

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Significant policies are as follows:

- (1) Enterprise Fund The Schoolcraft County Public Transit System, a component unit enterprise fund of the County of Schoolcraft, accounts for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The Transit applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or after November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements.
- (2) <u>Basis of Accounting</u> Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The Transit maintains its accounting records on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.
- (3) <u>Accounts Receivable</u> The Transit follows the direct write-off method in recognizing uncollectible accounts. An allowance for bad debts has not been established because the amount is considered to be immaterial. Receivables are written off on a policy based on how recently payments have been received.
- (4) <u>Inventories</u> Office and garage supplies are expensed when purchased. Items on hand at year-end were considered to have a dollar value not significant enough in amount to materially affect the financial statements, therefore, inventory was not recorded.
- (5) <u>Fixed Assets and Depreciation</u> Fixed assets are stated at cost when purchased or fair market value at date of gift. Costs relating to maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses, whereas those for renewals and betterments, when significant in amount, are capitalized. Provisions for depreciation of equipment are computed on the straight-line method. Depreciation rates are designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives.
- (6) <u>Property Taxes</u> Current property taxes are levied as of December 1 each year and attach an enforceable lien on the property. Current property taxes levied are collected by other local units of government until the subsequent year when revenue is recognized for the current budget year. Current property taxes from the December 1 levy, which are received

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2008

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

prior to December 31, are normally held in the Schoolcraft County's Trust and Agency Fund. The Transit subsequently receives its portion of the levy from this fund. For the 2007 calendar year the Transit levied .4697 mills.

- (7) <u>Use of Estimates</u> The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- (8) Advertising Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Total advertising expense for the fiscal year was \$3,102. \$197 of these advertising expenses have been subtracted out as ineligible as they were incurred for non-transportation related purposes.

# NOTE B - CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

The composition of cash and equivalents as reported on the Statement of Net Assets are presented below:

Demand deposits		10,348
Certificate of deposits	_	75,953
	Ġ	86.301

All cash and equivalents are on deposit with the Schoolcraft County Treasurer with the Treasurer listed as the signatory. The insurability of this money is therefore not determinable. Cash and cash equivalents as reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Cash Flows are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less.

#### NOTE C - STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVABLE

The following is a summary of the state and federal grants receivable as of September 30, 2008:

Federal Section 5311 Operating Assistance - State Act 51 Operating Assistance - FY06 - FY07 - FY08 Capital contracts receivable	FY08 \$	18,400 7,769 14,172 46,000 9,060
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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2008

# NOTE D - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Major classes of property and equipment consist of the following:

	9/30/07 	Additions	Deletions	9/30/08 <u>Balance</u>
Purchased with Capital Grants: Land, not being depreciated Land improvements Buildings and improvements Vehicles Equipment Accumulated depreciation	\$ 10,000 - 359,525 348,076 56,494 (338,379)	\$ - 23,813 8,160 145,574 23,417 (58,926)	\$ - - 96,886 12,622 (109,776)	\$ 10,000 23,813 367,685 396,764 67,289 (287,529)
Subtotal	435,716	142,038	(268)	578,022
Purchased with Transit Funds: Building and improvements Equipment Accumulated depreciation	51,928 922 (3,479)	(1,418)		51,928 922 (4,897)
Subtotal	49,371	(1,418)		47,953
TOTAL	<u>\$ 485,087</u>	\$ 140,620	<u>\$ (268</u> )	\$ 625,975

Useful lives of fixed assets are as follows:

Building and	improvements	20	years
Vehicles		5-7	years
Equipment		5-10	years

Depreciation expense was \$60,344 for the fiscal year.

#### NOTE E - RETIREMENT PLAN

Employees are covered by the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System. Retirement funding is based on a percentage of payroll and covers all eligible employees. Since the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System utilizes the Schoolcraft County payroll system and Transit employees are considered to be County employees, all retirement funding and reporting is done by County personnel with the applicable disclosures reported within the County financial statements. The Public Transit System reimburses the County for actual costs and classifies those as fringe benefits.

#### NOTE F - ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Vacation is earned on a variable basis, depending upon length of employment. Upon retirement or termination, employees are paid for all outstanding days accumulated at their current rate of pay. The amount of accrued vacation time at September 30, 2008 is \$8,323.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2008

#### NOTE F - ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE (continued)

Sick leave is earned at the rate of one day per month, not exceeding twelve days per year. Upon retirement or disability, employees are eligible to receive one-half of such sick leave accumulated, up to a maximum of one hundred days, at their current rate of pay. The amount of accumulated sick leave recorded in this financial statement at one-half of the total accumulated sick leave is \$19,611. Actual sick leave available to be used upon illness is \$39,222.

Changes in accumulated compensated absences is as follows:

	9/30/07 Balance	Additions_	Deletions	9/30/08 Balance
Vacation Sick Personal	\$ 11,406 18,217 1,165	1,394	\$ 3,083	\$ 8,323 19,611 977
TOTAL	\$ 30,788	<u>\$ 1,394</u>	\$ 3,271	\$ 28,911

#### NOTE G - CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

A contract for transportation services is in effect with Hiawatha Behavioral Health for transporting clients. The total amount received under this contract for the year ended September 30, 2008 was \$91,662.

The Public Transit System also has other minor contracts with various local establishments.

#### NOTE H - GRANT CONTINGENCIES

Under the terms of federal and state grants, periodic audits are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenses under the terms of the grants. Such audits could lead to reimbursements to the grantor agencies. As of September 30, 2008, no such contingencies for questioned costs were known to exist.

# NOTE I - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Transit is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Transit is covered with purchased commercial insurance for these risks through the County of Schoolcraft. Settled claims relating to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2008

# NOTE J - NON-FINANCIAL DATA

- 1) The methodology used for compiling mileage has been reviewed and found to be an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.
- 2) During the fiscal year an approved cost allocation plan was used. This plan charges indirect costs from the County Courthouse for services that benefit the Transit. The total charge for this fiscal year was \$11,730.
- 3) No operating expenses were paid using capital contract revenue.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# OAR SCHEDULE 4R

For the year ended September 30, 2008

	OPERATING REVENUES:	
40100 40200		\$ 17,590 108,795
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	126,385
	NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
41101	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	212,294
41101	State FY05, adjustment	25
41301	U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Section 5311	73,600
41112		35,563
41312		165,669
40800		147,493
	<u> </u>	2,581
40760	Gain on sale of assets	900
	RTAP revenue	346
	Miscellaneous revenue	394
	TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	638,865
	TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$765,250</u>

# OAR SCHEDULE 4E

For the year ended September 30, 2008

		Opera- tions	Mainten- ance	General Adminis- tration	Total System
50101 50102 50200 50200	Other salaries and wages Fringe benefits	\$255,463 - 91,033 45,185	\$ - - - -	\$ - 38,161 13,612 6,758	104,645
50302 50305 50399	Advertising fees Audit cost	- - 18,449	- - -	3,102 2,200	
50499 50500	Fuel and lubricants Other materials & supplies Utilities Insurance costs	72,139 634 7,032 10,049	23,538 - -	42 - -	72,139 24,214 7,032 10,049
50902 55008	Miscellaneous: Travel and meetings Depreciation	440 60,344			440 60,344
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$560,768</u>	\$ 23,538	\$ 63,875	648,181
55007 55009 57402 58005	MPTA dues RTAP				60,344 49 346 197
	TC	OTAL STATE	INELIGIBLE	EXPENSES	60,936
		NET STAT	E ELIGIBLE	EXPENSES	\$ 587,245
	STATE OPERATING ASSI	STANCE REI	MBURSEMENT	36.1508%	\$ 212,294
		NET STAT	TE ELIGIBLE Less a	EXPENSES udit cost	\$ 587,245 2,200
		NET FEDERA	AL ELIGIBLE	EXPENSES	<u>\$ 585,045</u>
	SECTION 5	311 CONTRA	ACT PERCENT	AGE 16.0%	\$ 93,607
	MIXAM	NUM SECTION	N 5311 REIM	BURSEMENT	\$ 73,600

# SCHEDULE OF STATE AND FEDERAL CAPITAL ASSETS CONTRIBUTED

For the year ended September 30, 2008

Balance, beginning of year	\$435,716
Add:	
Capital contract 02-0085Z8	46,315
Capital contract 02-0085Z13	23,813
Capital contract 02-0085Z14	107,687
Capital contract 02-0288Z2	23,417
	201,232
Deduct: Depreciation of assets purchased from contributed equity	(58,926)
BALANCE, END OF YEA	AR \$578,022

# SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL CONTRACTS

For the year ended September 30, 2008

GRANTOR: Michigan Department of Transportation

Contract Number	Grant <u>Amount</u>	Previously <u>Earned</u>	Currently <u>Earned</u>	Amount Remaining
02-0085Z8 FY04 Section 5309 Earmark	\$ 48,500	\$ -	\$ 46,315	\$ 2,185
02-0085Z13 FY06 Section 5311 Capital	62,500	-	23,813	38,687
02-0085Z14 FY06 Section 5309 Earmark	121,745	-	107,687	14,058
07-0288Z2 FY07 Section 5311 Capital	24,000	-	23,417	583
07-0288Z4 FY08 Section 5311 Capital	24,000	-	-	24,000
07-0288Z5 FY08 Section 5309 Earmark	184,240			184,240
	<u>\$ 464,985</u>	\$ -	\$ 201,232	\$ 263,753

# SCHEDULE OF MILEAGE DATA, VEHICLE HOURS, AND PASSENGERS

For the year ended September 30, 2008

				Pass	engers	
	Public Transpor- tation <u>Mileage</u>	Vehicle <u>Hours</u>	Regular	Elderly	<u>Disabled</u>	Elderly Persons With Dis- abilities
DEMAND RESPONSE:						
First Quarter	43,900	1,754	2,734	1,314	3,215	386
Second Quarter	44,280	1,772	2,930	1,463	3,190	222
Third Quarter	48,283	1,936	2,953	1,480	3,441	412
Fourth Quarter	48,044	1,919	2,114	1,557	3,521	<u> 526</u>
	184,507	7,381	10,731	5,814	<u>13,367</u>	1,546

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# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON AN COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System Manistique, Michigan 49854

We have audited the financial statements of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Transit's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Transit's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control. We consider the deficiencies

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described below to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

The Transit does not internally produce financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Material audit adjustments were necessary to properly accrue receivables and revenues and to record depreciation expense.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, we believe that both of the significant deficiencies described above are material weaknesses.

The Transit's response to the findings identified above are described below. We did not audit the Transit's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

At the present time the Transit does not have adequate funding to hire the staff or to purchase the services necessary to adequately address these findings.

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Transit's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Transit in a separate letter dated December 4, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Andrewon, Tackman & Company P.L.C.
Certified Public Accountants

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# SCHEDULE OF AWARDS - FEDERAL AND STATE

For the year ended September 30, 2008

Federal Grantor/Program Title	State Grantor Number	CFDA Number	Award Amount
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY: Passed through MDOT Section 5311			
Operating assistance - FY08 Capital assistance Capital assistance Capital assistance Capital assistance	2007-0288Z3 02-0085Z8 02-0085Z13 02-0085Z14 07-0288Z2	20.500	\$ 73,600 48,500 62,500 121,745 24,000
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Operating assistance - Act 51 - FY08	-	-	212,294
Operating assistance - Act 51 - FY05  TOTAL CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTA	- ANCE	-	\$ 542,664

Unexpen Balanc 09/30/	e		ederal evenue_	State evenue	ther venue_	Ex	pendi- tures	Ba	expended alance 9/30/08
\$	-	\$	73,600 37,052 19,050 86,150 23,417	\$ 9,263 4,763 21,537	\$ - - - -	\$	73,600 46,315 23,813 107,687 23,417	\$	- - - -
	- -			 212,294 25	 <u>-</u>	_	212,294 25		- -
\$		<u>\$</u>	239,269	\$ 247,882	\$ 	\$	487,151	\$	

# SCHEDULE OF INELIGIBLE COSTS

For the year ended September 30, 2008

Ineligible Costs	Section 5311	Act 51
<ol> <li>Depreciation - Depreciation accrued by public op- erators on state-funded equipment is ineligible according to state guidelines.</li> </ol>	\$ 60,344	\$ 60,344
<ol> <li>MPTA Dues - A percentage of the MPTA dues are in- eligible expenses per the State Expense Manual. This years ineligible percentage was 6.99 percent.</li> </ol>	49	49
3. <u>Audit Cost</u> - Because the Transit did not need a single audit in compliance with OMB Circular A-133 the audit cost is an ineligible expense for the Section 5311 reimbursement.	2,200	-
<ol> <li>RTAP Reimbursement - Any expense that was reim- bursed by another revenue source is ineligible for operating assistance.</li> </ol>	346	346
3. Millage Ads - Any advertisement that is run that is influential in nature is an ineligible expense.	197	197

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# REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

To the Board of Directors Schoolcraft County Public Transit System Manistique, Michigan 49854

We have audited the financial statements of the Schoolcraft County Public Transit System (the Transit) for the year ended September 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

# Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated December 3, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express our opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Transit. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test of the Transit's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

# (Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements)

#### Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our letter about planning matters dated December 3, 2008.

#### Significant Audit Findings

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Transit are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year 2008. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the useful lives of fixed assets is based on the state audit guide. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of fixed assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, and were to properly accrue receivables, revenue and depreciation expense.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 4, 2008.

# Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Transit's Board of Directors, the management of the Transit, federal and state pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

Anderson, Tackman . Company P.L.C.

December 4, 2008

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

September 30, 2008

# **FAREBOX COLLECTIONS**

We noted during our audit that lockboxes are not used on the buses and that the drivers maintain their own log sheets. This creates a risk of unrecorded fares. We recommend that the drivers begin using the lockboxes to further enhance the internal controls over farebox collections.

# **CONTRACT BILLINGS**

We noted during our audit that the billings to Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the Manistique High School were not always timely. We recommend that these billings be done on a timely basis each month.

# **BOARD MINUTES**

During our audit we noted that not all minutes contained bill approval. There were also several months' bills that were never approved by the board. We recommend that each month's minutes contain approval of the bills to be paid.